

Insurances.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL \$2,000,000, in 2,000 Shares of \$1,000 each.
\$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment, and \$100 six months after Allotment.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the following Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th instant, applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be received by the General Managers, the form of application to be as follows:—

To the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited,

GENTLEMEN,—
I request you to allot me Shares of One Thousand Dollars each in the above named Company, and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number which may be allotted to me, and to pay a Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share on allotment, and a further Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share, six months after allotment, and I further undertake to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement when called on to do so.
I remain, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

No. 1.
That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, on the basis proposed in the Memorandum of the 2nd April presented to this Meeting.

No. 2.
That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and on the receipt of such applications to the extent of One Thousand Shares to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

N.B.—Forms of application for Shares may be had at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.
ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,327.
ANNUAL REVENUE £247,293.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, The full Annual Rate.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

Insurances.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL—Two Million Sterling.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton, or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances:—
One month, 1/2 per cent.
Three months, 2/3 " " "
Six months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £80,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. STILL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:—
Detached and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. STILL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:—
Detached and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1838.
CAPITAL, £500,000.
Managing Agents in China, — Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, — J. IVOY MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Managing Agents in China.
Hongkong, June, 1867.

JURAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON.
CAPITAL, —£1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 9, 1867.

Insurances.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT).
22 per cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit-participating Policies of Two Years' standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without reference to Head-Quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premium for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life including £2. 10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

Age.

| WITHOUT PARTICIPATION | WITH PARTICIPATION |
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N.B. Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information, apply to.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 3, 1864.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue LIFE POLICIES for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, January 6, 1865.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz:—
On any one first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein in Hongkong, £80,000; in Macao £45,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding One Month, 1/2 per cent.
Above One Month and not exceeding Three Months, 2/3 per cent.
Above Three Months and not exceeding Six Months, 3/4 per cent.
Above Six Months, The full Annual Rate of 1 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to Reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and EFFECTS, therein contained.

In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Houses of the same class, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE INSURANCE on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses (mainly situated) and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

First Class China House and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Risks as per special arrangement.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.

ESTABLISHED 1854.
Subscribed Capital, £800,000.
Accumulated Funds exceed £808,000.

THE Undersigned are empowered to accept Life Assurances in the above Society. Full particulars given on application.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessel or Steamer, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
DIVIDED OF (8 per cent.) Eight per cent. has been declared on the Net Premium contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1866.

POLICY HOLDERS will please send in particulars of their contribution to that date to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.
Hongkong, September 7, 1867.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai.

In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year at the close of each current year, fifteen (15) per cent. of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Association, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above ASSURANCE COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks, at the current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, July 6, 1860.

BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1865.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE)
CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matheons, on Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to.
ARNHOLD KARBBERG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

DE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, August 1866.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current rates.

RAYNAL & Co.
Macao, Aug. 4, 1866.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.
PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Office, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions.

Risks will also be accepted at the following Ports:—
Canton, by Messrs DRACON & Co.
Macao, by E. L. LANCA, Esq.
Amoy, by Messrs BOYD & Co.
Fuchau, by Messrs KINNEAR & Co.

Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be obtained on application to.
ADAM SCOTT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 22, 1866.

NOTICE.
GUARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.,
Agents, Guardian Assurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.
NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above six months, the full annual rate.

TURNER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SUSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman, — GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq.
Deputy Chairman, — GEO. F. HELLAND, Esq.
W. H. FOSTER, JR., JULIUS MENKE, Esq.
JAMES B. TAYLOR, Esq.
JOSEPH A. JOSE, Esq.
JAS. P. DUNCANSON, Esq.

Managers.
HONGKONG, — VICTOR KRESSER, Esq., Chief Manager.
SHANGHAI, — DAVID MACLEAN, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS, — London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House, No. 1, Queen's Road, Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

Docks.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL, —£750,000.
IN 1,500 SHARES, OF £500 EACH.

THE COMPANY'S DOCKS at ABERDEEN and WHAMPOA are in full working order, and the attention of Ship-owners is respectfully solicited to the advantages which these Establishments offer for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.

The following description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public.

ABERDEEN DOCK.
DOCK NO. 1.
Built of GRANITE. Length, 380 feet. Breadth, 80 " Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 " do. Neap Tides, 16 "

NEW DOCK, NO. 2.
Built of GRANITE. Length, 400 feet. Breadth, 90 " Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24 " do. Neap Tides, 21 "

This Dock is now under course of construction.

WHAMPOA DOCKS.
DOCK A.
Built of GRANITE. Length, 560 feet. Breadth, 80 " Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16 1/2 ft. do. Neap Tides, 15 1/2 ft.

This can be used either as one or two Docks.

DOCK B.
Built of GRANITE. Length, 340 feet. Breadth, 60 " Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 18 " do. Neap Tides, 15 "

The above are the largest Docks in China and they are fitted with every appliance in the way of Cranes, powerful Steam Pumps, &c., to ensure safety and despatch in work.

DOCK C.
Built of Wood. Length, 260 feet. Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14 " do. Neap Tides, 11 "

Fitted with Caissons and Steam Pumps.

DOCK D.
Length, 164 feet. Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12 1/2 " do. Neap Tides, 9 1/2 "

DOCK E.
Length, 120 feet. Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11 " do. Neap Tides, 8 "

D. and E. are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

WORKSHOPS.
The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every

NOTICES.

W. AMOY & FOCHOW, —
DINE, at 11.30 A.M., on
Friday next, the 22nd instant.
HAI, —
LACCA, on Friday, the 24th
at 11 A.M.
PENANG & COUTTA, —
AN ALPINE, on Wednesday
the 22nd instant, at 1 P.M.

SHIPING.

ARRIVAL.
Amoy, Amer. steamer, 1802,
April, 1868, General. —A.

PASSENGERS.

Amoy, —Mr. J. W. Deiring and
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FIRST CLASS.

Amoy, —Mr. and Mrs. Rapp,
1 native servant, Mrs. Alfred
a female servant, Mr. Smale,
Ray and infant, Mr. and Mrs.

SECOND CLASS.

Amoy, —Messrs. J. C. Whyte,
Amoy, —Mr. F. D. Mistrore and 1
Amoy, —Mr. Duchanau.

THIRD CLASS.

Amoy, —Messrs. E. Mathien and
Amoy, —Mr. and Captain Kofed,
Amoy, —Messrs. Baldoek and

CLEARED.

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NOTICES.—It is particularly requested that all
communications relating to the general busi-
ness of this paper be addressed to the
Proprietor and in no case to individuals by
name. Much delay and inconvenience in the
transmission of business will thereby be
avoided.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1868.

THE conferring of decorations by the Chi-
nese Government upon foreigners in their
employment is not so rare an event as to
cause any very great surprise, but the
occasions are sufficiently seldom to make
them noticeable. From the columns of the
Shanghai Recorder we learn that the
French gentleman concerned in the con-
struction of the Foochow Arsenal, have
been thus complimented; and as they are
of a nationality which peculiarly esteems
decorations, the Chinese have shown
their usual cuteness in thus rewarding
them for past efforts and inciting them
to further endeavours. The following is
the translation of the edict as published
by our contemporary:—

On the second of the second month of the
seventh year of Tong Tche, we received from
Shen a report on the commencement of the
works for building ships, and the state of
progress of the General works of the
Arsenal.

He informs us that in the twelfth month
of last year, in consequence of the impor-
tance of the work, he himself went to the
ship, already constructed, where he found
all the necessary materials brought together,
and he proceeded before the Chinese officers
and workmen to inaugurate the works; and
to give the necessary directions for con-
ducting them suitably. He points out that
of the elements, necessary for the creation
of an Arsenal, viz., stone, wood, land, and
workmen, are not easily brought together,
and the reasons he gives us are very clear.

The beginning of an Arsenal is always
very difficult, but now, that the materials
are at hand, success is certain, if each one
continues his zeal and his efforts.

Let Shen then exhort Tolson, Giquet, and
all the officers about him to apply them-
selves to their task with all their heart, and
not allow themselves to be frightened by
any difficulties.

Every day, every month will bring its
result.

We adopt the regulations proposed by
them for the surveillance and direction of
the works. As Shen is a native of Fokien,
the general direction of the Arsenal is full
of difficulties for him. Ying-Ma-Li and
Pien, the provincial authorities must there-
fore assist him with their advice, and take
care that no delay may occur in supplying
the necessary funds, such delays causing
prejudice to works so very important.

According to the propositions attached to
the Report of Shen, in favour of European
officers, who, since the commencement have
been very zealous in the organization of the
Arsenal, we confer on the chief director,
Giquet, the rank of *Ti-tou* (Lieutenant
General) and the peacock's feather; and on
the Second Director, d'Aiguebelle (already *Ti-
tou*) the peacock's feather, and on the Super-
intendent Traasbot the Mandarin of the
Third class.

When Shen receives this edict, he will
communicate it to those officers, in order to
show them our satisfaction.

This edict will be carried to whom it may
concern by couriers at 400 li per day.

THE NEW YORK WEEK.

THE proprietors of the New York *Round
Table*, a well known and popular weekly
journal, somewhat after the style of our
Saturday Review, have started a new peri-
odical under the title of *The Week*,
which is intended, like *Public Opinion*, to
be a compilation of the best articles in
other journals from home and foreign
sources. We have to acknowledge re-
ceipt of the first two numbers by the last
Pacific Mail, and must express our un-
qualified admiration of their general "get-
up." The type and paper are of a char-
acter unusually pleasing—the more so
when the disagreeable appearance of most
American daily papers is considered.
The selections naturally consist chiefly
of articles bearing on American affairs, but
there is sufficient variety to interest read-
ers of all nationalities.

In no part of the world is a publica-
tion of this nature more necessary than
in the United States, where newspapers
have reached such an enormous devel-
opment that the business man can sel-
dom find time to get through all the col-
umns of matter, interesting and trashy,
clever and dull, which go to make up the
gigantic broad-sheets of our American
contemporaries. A well chosen selection
of the more important articles and items
of news was therefore likely to be ex-
tremely popular, and we are not surprised
at the statement made in the *Round
Table* that the demand completely ex-
hausted the two editions printed. *The Round
Table* thus introduces its brother to the
reading public:—

"While the new periodical is, in a cer-
tain sense, of the paste-board order, it is by
no means simply an assemblage of entertain-
ing reading matter, or even of articles
selected with reference to their probable
acceptability to its readers. On the con-
trary, the motto of the new weekly—'*Ad-
diatur et Altera Pars*'—indicates plainly
enough that, whatever a given reader may
find to his taste, he is pretty certain to find
also that from which he must dissent. The
essential principle of such a scheme—wholly
without precedent, we believe, in this coun-
try—is the entire suppression of any con-
ditions of its management on controversial
subjects, so that an impartial summary may
be presented of every significant phase of
sentiment upon topics which engross the
public attention. It would seem that, in a
community at once so given to general en-
quiry and so engrossed in business pursuits
as to enjoy comparatively small leisure,
there must be a felt want for such a work
whereby one may acquaint himself with
the extent and nature of opinions for
which it is impossible for him to per-
sonally in search, cropping out as they do
in so many and such unexpected quarters,
not only throughout our own immense ter-
ritory, but in all regions and tongues of the
civilized world."

LOCAL.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An adjourned inquest was continued at
the Magistrate yesterday afternoon before
Mr. F. Stewart, Coroner, and a Jury, upon
the body of a Chinese girl named To-tun-
mooy, servant to the fourth wife of Li Aka,
of the Wong-hing house, who died on the
10th instant, from the effects, as is alleged,
of opium taken or given. Mr. Caldwell
appeared on behalf of Li Aka. As the
former sitting it appeared from the evidence
of deceased's father that he received a letter
asking him to come and see his daughter;
when he came to Li Aka's house, where
the dead body of his daughter was lying in
a coffin; but he was prevented by the ser-
vants from seeing the body, which was
buried on the 10th instant. He was told
that his daughter had taken opium. Opium
was found in deceased's bed. There was
no doctor called, but an antidote was given
to her. None of the relatives went with
the body to the grave, although the body
was kept so long to allow the parents to see
her.

Li Aka, partner in the Wong-hing house,
stated that, owing to deceased's quarrelling
with another servant, he dismissed deceased
and the other mid-servant, and gave them
money to pay their passage home. When
he heard that deceased was ill, he sent for a
doctor, but he did not come. Some of the
servants gave deceased medicine, made of
leap oil, duck's blood, peas water, and
something else; this was given as an anti-
dote, a cup of opium having been found on
the bed. She died on the 10th at ten p.m.
Witness wished to report the case as an
inquest, but her relatives did not wish it.

Deceased's uncle said that he believed
another servant and deceased quarrelled,
and deceased was abused. There was a
rumour that Li Aka had had improper in-
tercourse with deceased; that she was
taunted with this by her betrothed's mother;
and that she had taken opium in dread of
being disgraced. The body was taken away
before he saw the deceased, there was a
quarrel, as the mother of deceased's be-
trothed wished to have the twenty taels
returned which had been paid for deceased's
betrothal. The money was paid by Li Aka's
partner.

Dr. Cochran stated that he examined the
body on 12th April; it was brought by the
Police. Principal internal organs were
healthy, but the lungs and brain were so
much decomposed that he could not deter-
mine their state. The stomach contained
about 3 pints of dirty brown fluid, and
the coats were much blackened, the natu-
ral in structure. Made an analysis of
the contents of the stomach, but found no
trace of poison. In many cases a week's
time suffices for the disappearance of all
trace of poison; so that deceased might
have taken opium. Could assign no cause
for the death of deceased.

Li Aka, recalled, said that he paid the
funeral expenses. In reply to a question
from the Coroner, whether any improper
intercourse had taken place between him
and deceased, and whether it was possible
that any fear of disgrace could have thus
induced deceased to poison herself, Li Aka
asserted that he would sooner have cut
off his head than have done so; the de-
ceased was not handsome, and besides that
he had seven or eight wives; and concluded
by distinctly denying the insinuation.

Li Aka's fourth wife stated that she heard
deceased quarrelling with another servant
on the same day as she died. She saw
opium in the cup; the antidote, which they
had to force down deceased's throat; was
common amongst the Chinese. She knew
nothing they quarrelled about except boil-
ing water; she had packed everything and
was ready to go.

From a letter in the Coroner's possession
it appeared that deceased had indicated
that something had been said to her
which she could not bear, owing to
which she could not face the world, and had
done with the world; and that she wished
her friends to come and obtain redress.

The Coroner said that, as usual in cases
where there were none but Chinese witnesses,
the facts were very unsatisfactory, and they
had not as yet got a title of evidence to show
how the deceased had come by her death.

A little girl, servant to the be-
trothed of deceased, said that deceased had
told her that she was ill-used by the old
woman.

The inquest was adjourned to Wednesday,
in order that some additional evidence
might be obtained.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Lee-a-lun, a coppersmith, was charged
with having created a disturbance at the
house of Mr. T. K. S. Hook; but as com-
plainant failed to appear, the prisoner was
discharged.

William Swan, holler-maker at West
Point, was charged with having assaulted
Leong Acheong, Chinese trader at Queen's
Road West. Complainant stated that, at
7 P.M. on 20th, defendant entered his shop
in which there was a girl known to defend-
ant, and struck him and others on the
head with a stick; defendant was taken to
the Station, after some resistance. About
1 o'clock next morning, however, he re-
turned with some friends and after beating
witness, forcibly carried away the girl in a
chair with her box. Tung-a-ho, the girl
referred to, stated that she had lived two
years with a friend of defendant's; but she
had gone to live with last witness. She
continued to say that her former master
came with defendant, as above described,
and took her away in a chair. A Police
inspector came afterwards and relieved her,
although her box still remained in her
former master's house. Defendant admit-
ted the charge, and was fined in the sum
of £5, or in default one month's im-
prisonment.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following
letter, dated Whampoa April 8:—

On Wednesday last, amongst the thou-
sands that thronged the streets of Canton,
more appeared in search of business than
usual. This circumstance was owing to the
fact that the day in question was the
natal anniversary of Tien-How, or the
Queen of Heaven. As the temples, dedi-
cated to that Goddess, are numerous in
Canton, it was impossible to go far with-
out meeting with processions of Taoist
priests, dressed in yellow and red silk robes.
The object which these ecclesiastics had in
view, was not merely to seek the blessing of
Tien-How on the people, but that she
should, having ten temples in the vicinity
of the sanctuaries in honour of that God-
dess.

But last Wednesday was not merely cele-
brated by the Cantonese as the anniversary
of Tien-How's birthday, but that also of
His Imperial Majesty, Tung-Choo, the

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young Emperor of China. It is said that
the undertakings of the Yunnan on this
occasion so distinguished for their loyal
feelings, as to wish to do honour to this
14th natal anniversary of their sovereign
ruler, by giving dramatic representations
for the edification of the people. For this
purpose large matted mats were erected in
the vicinity of two or three of the principal
Yannus of the city. The Governor Gene-
ral, however, either from a fear of trouble
arising from the presence of people in the
streets, or from a desire to show his
authority, ordered, on the morning of the
Emperor's birthday, the immediate removal
of the booths, in which the sons of Thepsie
were to perform.

Robberies in Canton, I regret to say,
appear to be on the increase, and during
bribe-gates have recently taken place. During
the course of one night no less than five
houses were attacked, and today it is
reported that six men armed with revolvers
entered a Silver Smith's shop in Shun-San-
Poo Street, and carried off some very
valuable articles. An alarm was imme-
diately given, and though several soldiers
were in a guard-house, high at hand, the
burglars escaped with their prize.

The Authorities, it would appear, are
doing all in their power to carry out Ex-
ecution. Cheong's views with regard to
the suppression of gambling. Last week
five gamblers were caught in the illegal
game of gambling, and for this offence they
were placed in Canguis, exposed to public gaze
in front of the Prefect's Yunnan. So great,
however, is the passion for gambling on
the part of the Chinese, that they are now
having recourse to boats as gambling
houses. One of the boats, called "the
boat," was seized a few days since by the
Deputy Ruler; the inmates escaped, but the
craft was confiscated.

It is very gratifying to know that
Cheong's good measures are so well carried
out by the present magistrates of the city.
Apropos of the profound esteem in which
that excellent man continues to be held by
the Cantonese, I may mention that they
now delight in relating other facts which
have recently come to light. It would
seem that when great officials in China
retire from office, it is customary for them
to receive at the hands of their subordinates
presents of money, called *Tsun* or *Travel-
ling Money*. A gift of this nature is com-
mended by Mencius, the Chinese philoso-
pher, as alike honourable to giver and
receiver. Cheong, however, wishing to
avoid every appearance of evil, declined to
accept at the hands of the respective rulers
of Nan-hoi and Ewan-yu the sum of \$5000
each, and sums equally large from the
Magistrates of other Districts, through
which he passed on his way to his native
province.

A cup of tea has ever been regarded as
possessing a cheering, rather than an in-
ebriating effect. To this rule, however, as
well as to others, there are apparently
exceptions. For, a few days ago, four
men entered a tea saloon, and after part-
aking freely of the refreshing beverage, they
refused to settle the full amount demanded
by the waiter. An altercation ensued, in
which the poor waiter lost his life by a
wound inflicted on his temple with a sword.
This perpetrator is now in Gaol, awaiting
his trial. From this place I have to com-
municate the singular fact that there is not
a single sailing vessel lying in the reach,
a circumstance this which, I presume, has
not occurred since Whampoa became a
port.

The Clan-fight, of late so often alluded
to, has at last come to a satisfactory close.
This was effected by the energy of the
Mandarins, who declared that they would
destroy "root and branch," the clan that
should dare after this morning to recom-
mence hostilities. But though peace has
been established between these once in-
famous villages, another feud, at present
in progress in the neighbourhood of
Fay-uen between two powerful families
residing in the village of Ma Poo Ouy.
This month, you are of course aware, is set
apart by the Chinese as the season for
worshipping the tombs of their ancestors.
The consequence is that the hills in this
vicinity, covered with graves, are traversed
from morning until night by devotees of all
ages.

SLE SHIPMENTS.

The following list of Silk-Shippers is
given in the *North-China Market Report*,
comprehending shipments from 1st June,
1867 to 14th April, 1868:—

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| Adams, W. R. and Co., | 1,268 |
| Barnet, Geo., and Co., | 1,234 |
| Birley, Worthington and Co., | 343 |
| Borneo Company, (Limited), | 361 |
| Bourjau, Hubner and Co., | 629 |
| Bover, Brothers and Co., | 4,059 |
| Bowyer, Hanbury, and Co., | 3,045 |
| Brindley, Horne and Co., | 2,128 |
| Carter and Co., | 365 |
| Chapman, King and Co., | 458 |
| Cummins and Co., | 670 |
| Dow and Co., | 866 |
| Garnwell, F. R., | 1,327 |
| Gibb, Livingston and Co., | 1,001 |
| Glover and Co., | 329 |
| Glenn and Co., | 581 |
| Hogg, Brothers, | 1,168 |
| Holthorpe, E., | 10 |
| Holliday, Wise and Co., | 101 |
| Jardine, Matheson and Co., | 1,998 |
| Jarvis, John, and Co., | 611 |
| Maynard and Co., | 123 |
| Milson and Tod, | 138 |
| Nachtigal, A., and Co., | 35 |
| Ogilby and Co., | 751 |
| Owen and Co., | 497 |
| Peterson and Co., | 740 |
| Primrose and Co., | 900 |
| Reiss and Co., | 641 |
| Rene and Co., | 89 |
| Rothwell, Love and Co., | 1,729 |
| Russell and Co., | 1,075 |
| Sassoon, David, Sons and Co., | 1,246 |
| Schubler, Martin and Co., | 574 |
| Shaw, Brown and Co., | 474 |
| Sloman and Co., | 1,095 |
| Skiggs and Co., | 1,840 |
| Smith, J. M., and Co., | 70 |
| Textor and Co., | 247 |
| Thorne, Brothers and Co., | 180 |
| Trautmann and Co., | 145 |
| Turner and Co., | 440 |
| Wilkinson, Alfred, and Co., | 113 |
| White, F. G., | 4,393 |
| Miscellaneous, | 52,467 |
| Total Sales, | |

DEPARTURE OF REV. MR. SWANSON FOR
CHINA.—The Rev. Mr. Swanson, one of the
missionaries of the English Presbyterian

Church at Amoy, having arranged to take
his departure for Southampton a public
meeting of the friends of that mission
was held in Regent Square, Presbyterian
Church, for the purpose of taking farewell
of him, and of commending him and his wife
and child to the Divine care. The chair-
man was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne,
and addresses were delivered by the Rev.
Mr. Taylor, of Cambridge, late of Free
Gyrfairies, Edinburgh, and (Rev. Mr.
Swanson) the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of the
services were conducted by the Rev. Mr.
McCaw, of Manchester; the Rev. Dr.
Chalmers, of Marylebone Presbyterian
Church; and Rev. Mr. Murray, of Croydon,
late of the Free Church of Scotland con-
gregation at St. Heliers, Jersey.

OSA KA.

(Japan Gazette.)
The following very interesting description
of Osaka has come to us in a private letter,
but may well be laid before our readers,
and will repay perusal.

The fort of Scroopon is built of mud,
on the southern side of the river Aji, which
affords a good defence against any forces
attempting to ascend the river. Junks of
over 100 tons burden are to be seen ascend-
ing and descending the river; some partly
laden with merchandise, others the travel-
ling junks of the daimios great and small,
and their hundreds of armed retainers who
come from the western provinces to Kioto.
They are covered with lattice-work, roofs
and sides, with another covering of hanging
curtains of native-made calico, generally
dyed blue, and bearing the shershi or de-
vice of the daimio to whom they belong.
Many of them carry upwards of a hundred
armed men; and they are propelled by
from 20 to 30 men with the familiar sail
of boats flat bottomed. There are myriads,
all apparently busy—some full of men and
women travelling, others laden with grain
and other merchandise.

I looked for foreign boats and cases, but
saw none. There was one large junk dis-
charging cannon, powder, lances and other
native weapons for warfare among them;
piles of paper lanterns, hats and drums.
The river banks are substantially built
Mud and tile godowns, two stories high,
and on an average covering an area of 60
feet square.

They certainly convey the impression of
a large profitable trade, as well as
a large army against fire.

The foreign settlement here is situated
on the S. E. bank of the river Aji, at its
eastern extremity; for here it forms an
angle with another river or canal which
runs in an easterly and southerly course,
with plenty of water for the large barges in
the river. From the eastward there flow
towards the settlement nine canals which
run north and south through the middle of
the city. West of the settlement is a densely
populated district for a distance of about
three-quarters of a mile; but the city of
Osaka really commences east of the foreign
settlement.

The Canals are named after the principal
daimios of the west—such as Satsuma Bori,

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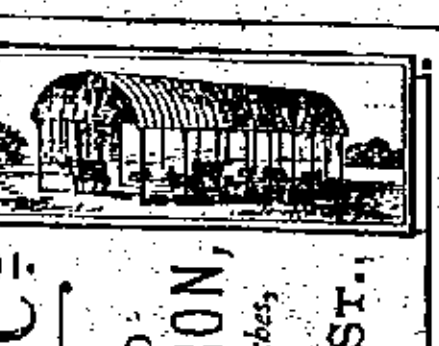
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